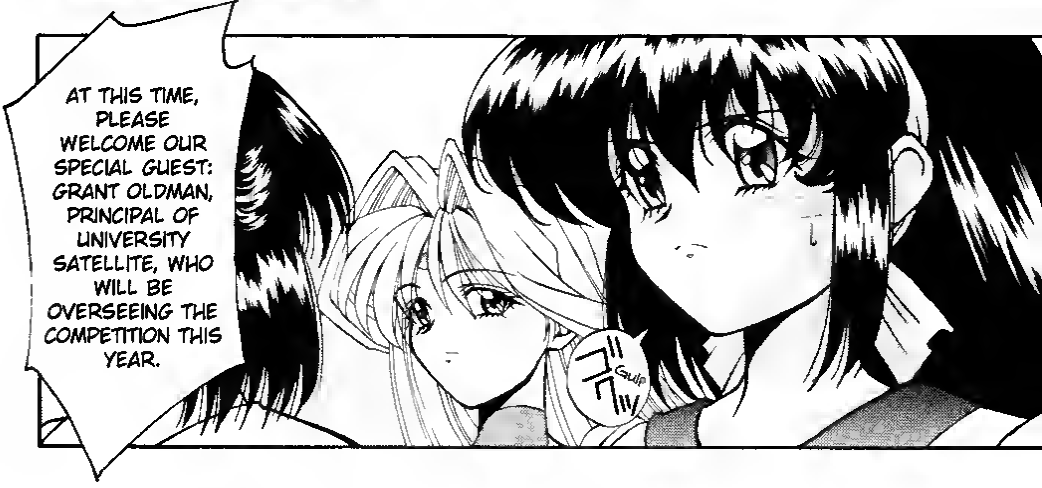
... FINALLY THIS DAY HAS COME, MOM ...
Clink
WHETHER OR NOT I CAN FULFILL MY PROMISE TO MY MOM ...
TODAY, EVERYTHING WILL BE SETTLED!!
Clench

CHEER
~Land Stage~
HEAT❺ 衛星(ほし)への切符(きっぷ)
TICKET TO THE STARS
THIS IS IT!

THE ANNUAL UNIVERSITY SATELLITE SOUTH POLE ENTRANT SELECTION TRIATHLON WILL NOW BE HELD!
CHEER
2001


AT THIS TIME, PLEASE WELCOME OUR SPECIAL GUEST: GRANT OLDMAN, PRINCIPAL OF UNIVERSITY SATELLITE, WHO WILL BE OVERSEEING THE COMPETITION THIS YEAR.
GULP

JUST FOR TODAY, A NEW FRIEND WILL BE DROPPING IN ON YOU!
ISN'T THAT GREAT?
BAM
EHM, I AM OLDMAN, THE PRINCIPAL OF UNIVERSITY SATELLITE.
Ahem
HN?
EH, NO ... THAT IS ...
What the heck, what do I do
COULD IT BE THIS OUTFIT DOESN'T SUIT ME?
I guess I just have to fight on
Mumble
PLEASE PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, QUICKLY!!
What is with him
Even though I stayed up all night
EVEN THOUGH I MADE IT JUST FOR TODAY ...
Droop

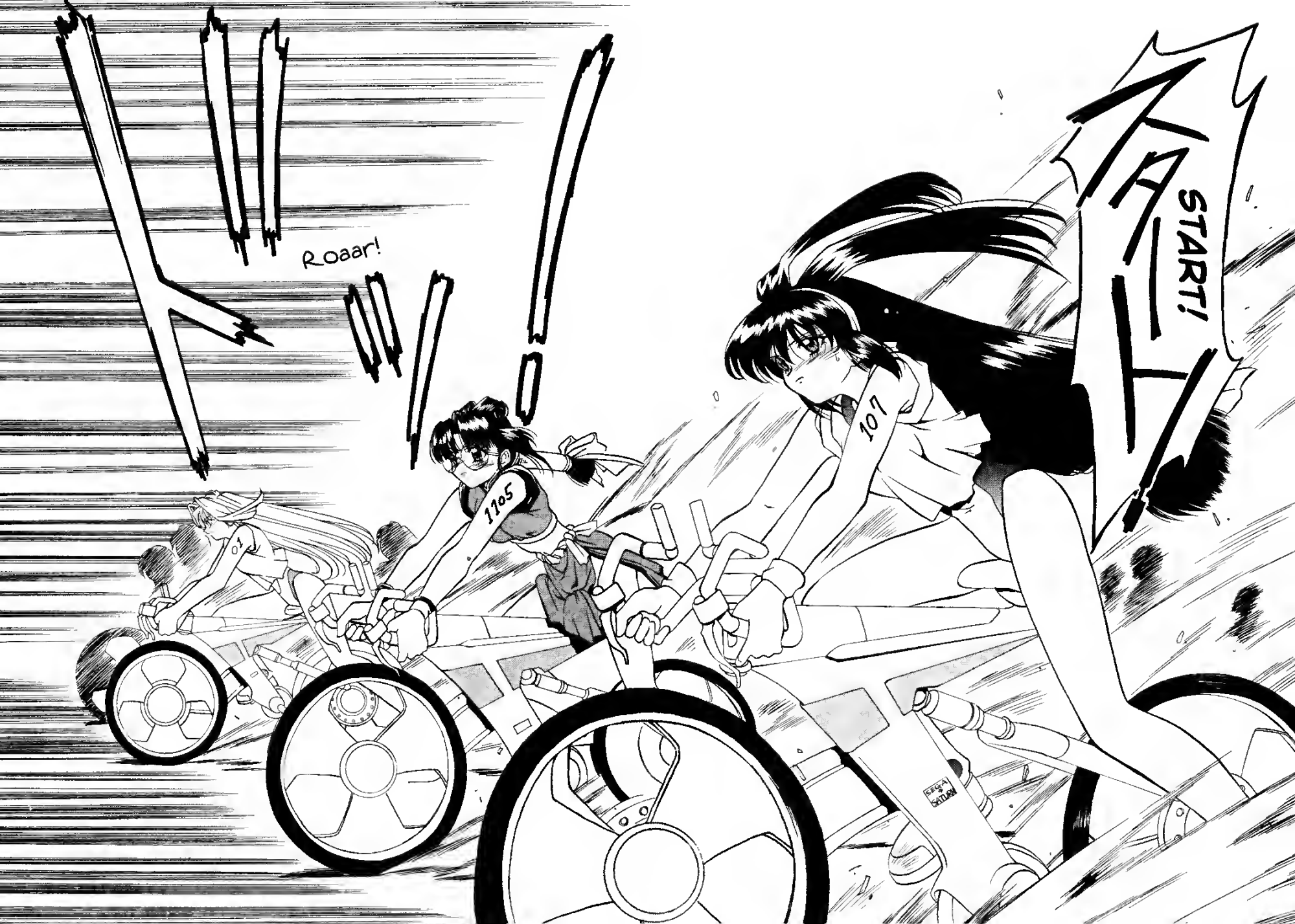
E-EH, WELL THEN, I'LL NOW GIVE AN EXPLANATION OF THE COURSE!!
... WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT ...
THE FIRST LEG WILL BE CYCLING, FROM THE SCHOOL'S GATE TO SAN TELMO CAPE ...
Beep
FOLLOWED BY LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING. YOU WILL CROSS THE INLET HERE. FINALLY, THE MARATHON LEG, WHICH WILL RETURN YOU TO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS ...
THIS TRACK, TOGETHER WITH THE FIRST TWO CIRCUITS, LEADS TO THE GOAL.
Vmmm
DURING THE COMPETITION, EVERYTHING WILL BE FILMED AND BROADCAST BY MOBILE CAMERA RELAYS.
... AS YOU ARE NO DOUBT AWARE ...
ONLY THOSE PLACING AMONG THE TOP THREE IN THIS COMPETITION WILL BE ACCEPTED AS ENTRANTS TO UNIVERSITY SATELLITE...

EVERYONE! REMEMBER THE TRAINING YOU'VE PUT IN THIS PAST SIX MONTHS AND DEVOTE YOUR FULL STRENGTH TO THIS RACE!!
Clench
NOW, BRING YOUR BICYCLES TO THE SCHOOL GATES!
AT LAST, HUH?
EH?
... JESS-IE...
AKARI!

LET'S BOTH GIVE IT EVERY-THING WE HAVE OUT THERE.
...JESSIE ...!!
...RIGHT!!
Grip
HEY NOW, IT'LL BE A PROBLEM IF YOU FORGET ABOUT US!!
Charge!
あっ!!
TANYA'S GONNA BE NUMBER ONE!!
WAH!

A-aah,
ちょったーまーっ
wait a minuuute!
……
Sigh
はーぁ……
THEY HAVE NO SENSE OF TENSION …
Buzz
Buzz
Glance
… ICCHAN'S STILL NOT HERE YET …
SHE SAID SHE WOULD COME AND ROOT FOR US …
… MAYBE IT WAS TOO HARD FOR HER AFTER ALL …
Hn?
Glance

KAN-ZAKI !!
WHAT'S THE MATTER!? FOCUS ON THE RACE, IT'S ABOUT TO START!!
Y-YES!
...YOU CAN WIN THIS! REMEMBER THE TRAINING YOU'VE DONE UP TO NOW!!
...YES!
...THAT'S TRUE. RIGHT NOW, I MUST THINK ONLY OF WINNING THE RACE.
...NO, NOT ONLY THAT. MY PROMISE WITH ICCHAN -
I WILL PROTECT IT!!
THE RACE WILL NOW BEGIN !!
ON YOUR MARKS ... GET SET ...
Thump. Thump.


Roaar!
START!
01
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SEGA SATURN

WIN, AND GO ON TO UNIVERSITY SATELLITE ...
FIGHT... KANZAKI!!
YOU...CAN SURELY MAKE IT THERE...
Pant
Pant
Pant
Pant
... I WON'T LOSE!!
FOR ICCHAN ...
AND FOR MOM... I MADE A PROMISE TO BOTH OF THEM ...
Whoosh!

...WELL, AT LEAST WE'RE OUT-DISTANCING THE OTHERS.
Roar
01
KH!
...AS EXPECTED OF JESSIE.
EVEN THOUGH I IMPROVED SO MUCH ...
BUT ONCE THE CYCLING LEG ENDS, I'LL BE AT A DISADVAN-
Roar
107
05
AKARI ...!!

HM?
WHAT'S THAT? THAT SYMBOL IS...
KABOOM
KYAAH!
WH-WHAT THE !?
Vmmm

BOOM
BOOM
すごいっ
すごいっ
UMM... ISN'T THAT A BIT HIGHER YIELD THAN INTENDED ...?
HAHA! OH, NOTHING MUCH.
Ha
Ha
Ha
PRINCIPAL, WHAT'S UP WITH THOSE DEVICES ...?
THAT'S INSANE !!
Yep, so quit yer fussin'!!
WHAT... AVOIDING LAND MINES IS A TRUE TEST OF ONE'S REFLEXES, ISN'T IT?
Ahhhh, what the hell is this!
Oh?
IT'S NOT A FESTIVAL !!
I THOUGHT IT'D BE GOOD TO MAKE IT A LITTLE MORE FLASHY, LIKE A FESTIVAL.

↑校門から帰ってきた
Returned from the school gate

Boom
Boom
AHH, WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO NOW !?
Eeek!
Yay!
BANG
BANG
Ahhhhhhhh!
THERE ARE TOO MANY !!
Eek!
BANG
THE LUCKY ONE
KINDA A LOUD RACE, HUH ...
... WHY'S EVERYONE WEAVING AROUND SO MUCH?
BOOM
THOSE IN THE BACK ARE PRETTY SAFE, HUH...
Ah, she's not wearing underwear
THE CLEVER ONE

... THIS IS REALLY BAD!!
... LOOKS LIKE TANYA'S GROUP IS STILL SURVIVING ...
AND NO WAY JESSIE WOULD SCREW UP AND HIT A MINE ...
She's rushing straight ahead, no mishaps
105
HOW CAN AKARI BE MATCHING MY PACE WITHOUT A HANDI-CAP...
Haa
Haa
AT THIS RATE, SHE'LL PULL AHEAD IN THE NEXT LEGS, AND I WON'T MAKE IT INTO THE TOP THREE...!!
... I'VE GOT IT!
Ah dumsy me!
WAGGA
Kyaa
SHING
IF I BUMP HER ONTO A LAND MINE, AKARI WILL ...!!

THE ONE NEXT TO JESSIE... RIGHT THERE.
HERE
SORRY ABOUT THIS, AKARI ...!!
Swish
!!
...
WH-
!
WHY IS THERE ONE RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME!?
One darest, coming up!
CAN'T ... MAKE IT ...
Press

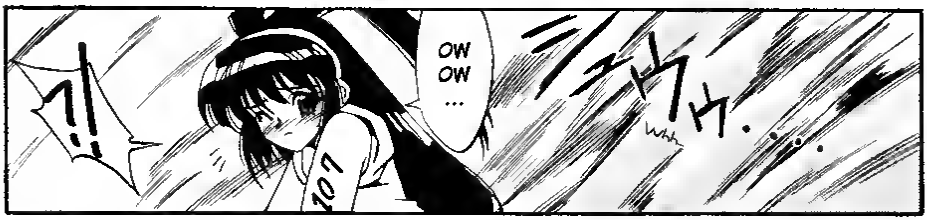
EHH !?
WHOOM!
AKARI ...!!
RIGHT BEHIND ME ...

KA
...
Crackle
KAN-
ZAKI
!!

...
LOOK
CLOSER
...
Huh
EH
...?

Crackle
OW
OW
OW
...
Whoosh

A SCRAPE LIKE THAT IS NO BIG DEAL ...
HM?
Phew
... SHE'S OKAY ...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OW OW ...
Wah
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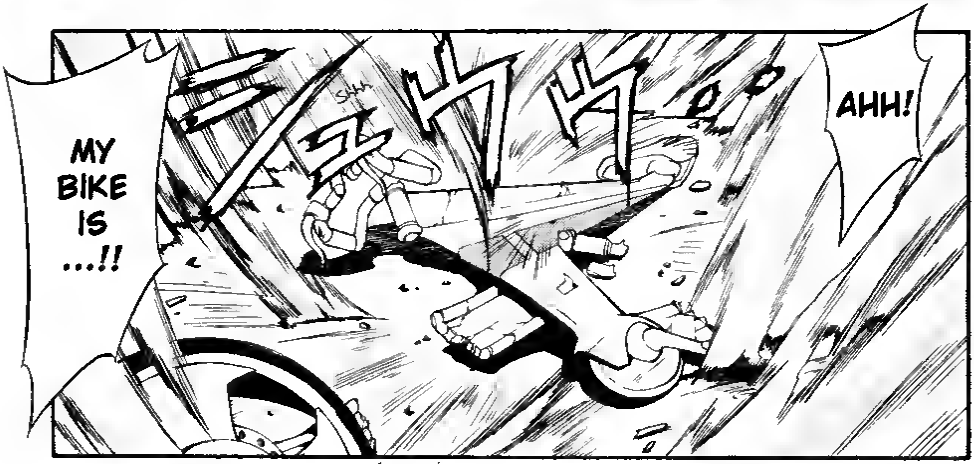

MY BIKE IS ...!!
Shh
AHH!

!
KH... GGH...
NO... WITH IT LIKE THIS, MY RACE IS ALREADY ...

LING-PHA!!
KKH ...
HOLD ON, LING-PHA!!
WHAT A HORRIBLE INJURY ...
AY- ...
Swish
AKARI !?
Roar
TANYA ...

... SO, MY RACE ENDS ... RIGHT HERE ...
Whoosh
.....
A-AKARI ...
LING-PHA... ARE YOU ALRIGHT !?
Pant
Pant
I'M ... DEFINITELY NOT ALRIGHT, I THINK ....
OH NO ...!
EEH ...
... JUST WAIT HERE, I'M GOING TO GO FIND A DOCTOR RIGHT NOW!
Dash
107
.....
... AKARI ...

EVEN FOR THE SAKE OF SOMEONE LIKE ME ...
... WAIT, AKARI ...
EH?
YOU DON'T NEED TO DO THAT ...
... MY BIKE IS STILL USABLE ...
... NO WAY ...
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! IF YOU TRY TO RIDE IN THAT STATE ...
THAT'S WHY ...
AKARI IS GOING TO RIDE IT INSTEAD !!
... I'M THE ONE WHO LANDED ON THE MINE AND PULLED YOU INTO THIS ...
Slump...
TH- THAT ISN'T ...

……
…THIS IS MY PUNISH-MENT…
…AND THE TRUTH IS, JUST NOW… I TRIED TO FORCE AKARI INTO LANDING ON A MINE…
105
LING-PHA…
THAT'S WHY, AT THE VERY LEAST, I WANT AKARI TO USE MY BIKE!!
…IN ANY CASE, I CAN'T GO ANY FURTHER LIKE THIS…
107
……
…I'LL BE ALRIGHT.
…BUT… YOUR WOUND…

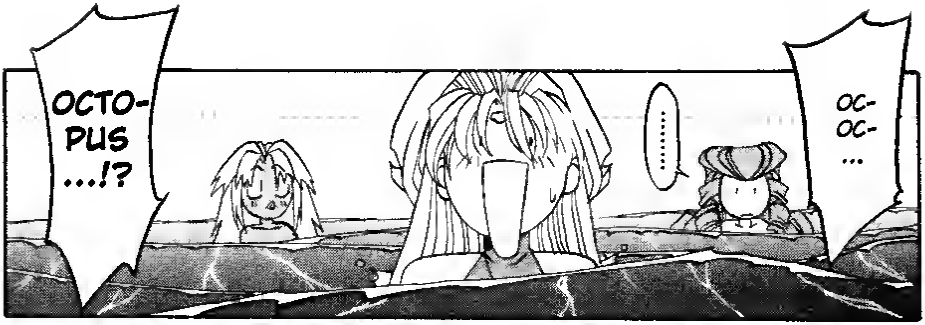
I'LL ACCEPT THAT AS YOUR RENTAL FEE ...
YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ME, BUT THANK YOU! ♡
LING-PHA ...
NOW HURRY, OR YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO CATCH UP!!
EVEN THOUGH I'M...SO AWFUL ...
Drip
Drip
"THANK YOU", HUH ...
Whoosh
THANK YOU ...!!

UNIVERSITY SATELLITE ...
I WANTED TO GO THERE ...
Drip
Drip

Whoosh
キオォ・・・
I WON'T LET THEIR FEELINGS BE IN VAIN!!
Roar
LING-PHA ...
ICCHAN ...

... AKARI ... I WONDER IF SHE'S ALRIGHT ...
... HM?
Vmmm
Excuse me
Tadaah
THE FRONT-RUNNERS ARE NOW REACHING THE SWIMMING LEG ...
Nice one!
INDEED!
Spurt
... THERE'S SURELY NOT ANYTHING LIKE DEPTH CHARGES, RIGHT?
He couldn't have, right!?
It's Jessie-kun's heavenly entrance!!

NOTHING LIKE THAT, BUT ...
I DID BRING ALONG A FRIEND FROM VENUS.
Fwoosh
... A FRIEND FROM VENUS ...?
MOKYUU!!
BAM
My my, what do we have here.
Jessie
WHA ...!!


OCTO-
PUS
...!?
OC-
OC-
...

IT'S KINGARA-KUN, THE VENUSIAN OCTOPUS!!
Clench
And he's of legal age to do ecchi things!!
What in the hell

Haa
Haa

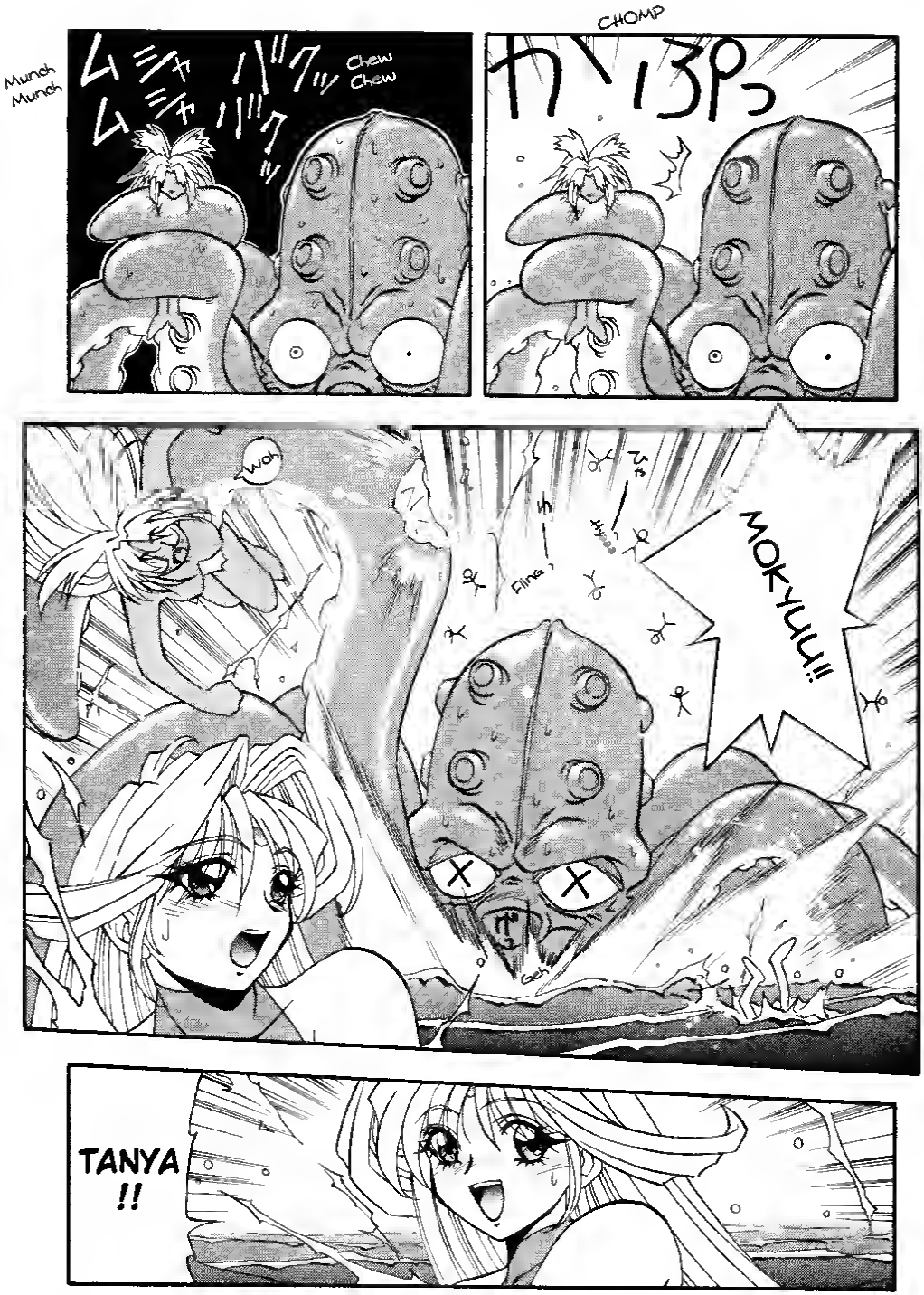
AHH GEEZ, WE'RE PROBABLY IN VERY LAST PLACE, HUH ...
Swish
ANYWAY, HOW COULD ANYONE CATCH UP FROM THIS FAR BACK ...
NO WAY, NO WAY, JESSIE AND THEM ARE TOO FAST ...
Whoosh
I WANT TO GO TO UNI-VERSITY SATEL-LITE ...
ROAR
EHH!
Pant
Pant

...
I CAN'T LOSE NOW
...
Pant
Pant
I SEE IT! THE OCEAN!!
...
HUH?
R.carl
Kya
Kya
Kya
Haa
Haa
I HAVE TO CATCH UP! I WON'T LET EVERYONE'S FEELINGS GO TO WASTE!
スキ
Sting
ズキッ
Sting
.....
WHAT THE ...?
Kyaaa

NOOOO, IT'S RUBBING ME!!
KYAAA !!
Shriek
キャー
RUB RUB
Kyaa
Kyaa
MOKYUKYU!!

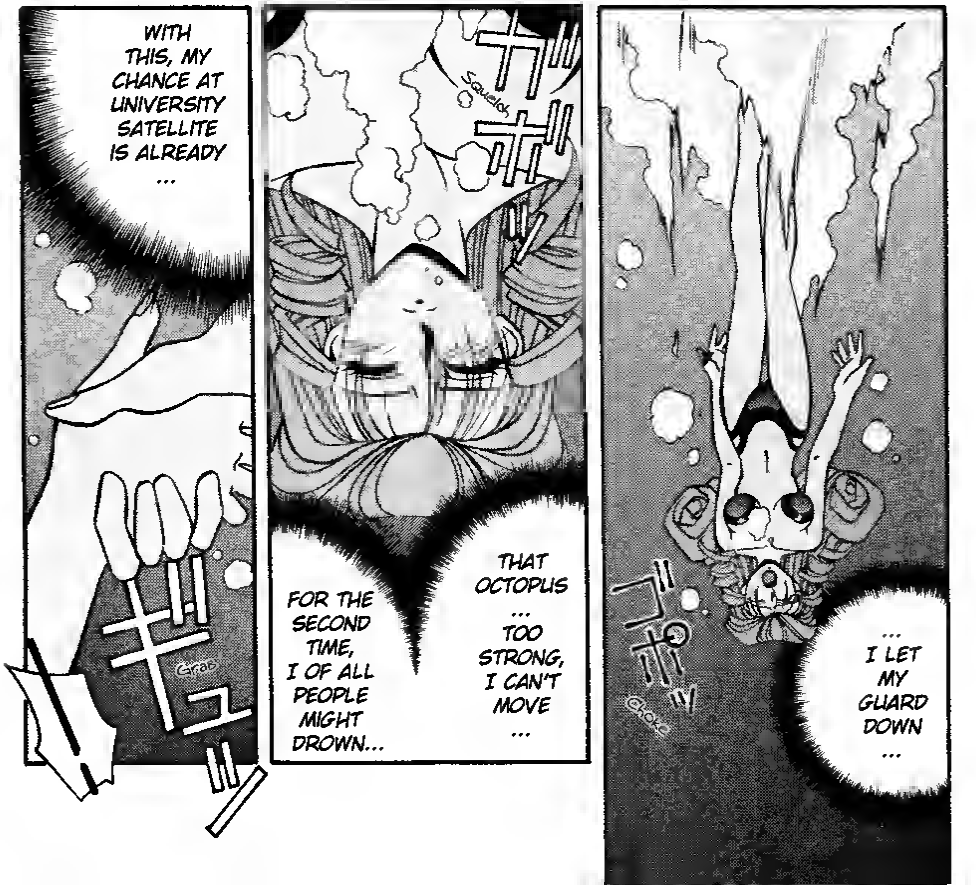
OOH!
Boink
Ok?
Vmmm
...
ARE YOU REALLY PRINCIPAL OF UNI-VERSITY SATEL-LITE...!?
This is great this is amazing!
Uhu
NICE ONE KINBARA-KUN!!
Nooo
Ahh
M-MY SCRAPE
...
It stings
Ripple
BUT THIS IS MY CHANCE! IF I GET IN NOW
...
Splash
WHY IS THERE AN OC-TOPUS
...
Kyaaa
Nooo
...
WH
...

Smack
KAA !!
AY-LA !!
Splash
MOKYUU!
WATAP
KH ...
WE CAN'T MOVE FORWARD LIKE THIS!!
Open
Grip
MOKYU!!


Munch Munch
ムシャムシャ
バクッ
Chew Chew
CHOMP
カプっ
Wah
Fling
MOKUUU!!
TANYA !!

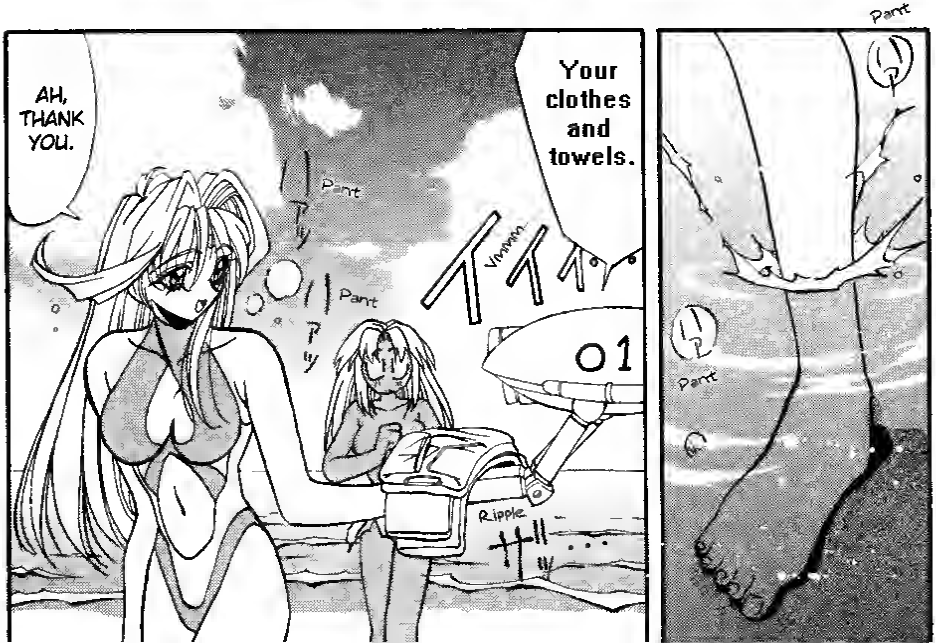
MOKYUKYUU
AHHH, KINBARA-KUN, WHERE ARE YOU GOING !?
... IT'S A NORMAL REACTION TO BEING BITTEN ...

Choke
IS THAT SO ...
NO TASTE TO IT AT ALL.


WITH THIS, MY CHANCE AT UNIVERSITY SATELLITE IS ALREADY ...
Grab
Squelch
FOR THE SECOND TIME, I OF ALL PEOPLE MIGHT DROWN...
THAT OCTOPUS ... TOO STRONG, I CAN'T MOVE ...
Choke
... I LET MY GUARD DOWN ...

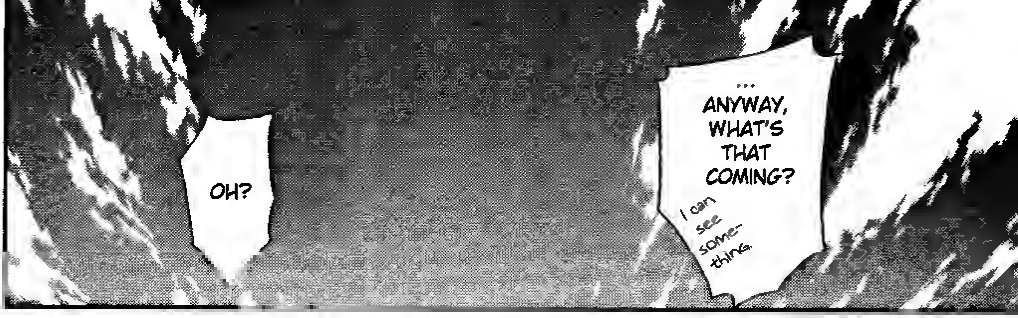
SHOCK
AYLA!

AKARI!
.....


AH, THANK YOU.
Your clothes and towels.
Pant
Pant
Pant
Vroom
01
Ripple...
Pant
Pant

TANYA ?
Stare
……
HM?
Slide
WHAT'S THE MATTER? TANYA... AREN'T YOU COMING?
EHH !?
TANYA'S WAITING FOR AKARI!!

WINNING LIKE THIS WOULDN'T BE ANY FUN!!
... WHEN TANYA RACED AKARI BEFORE, IT FELT LIKE A LOSS ...
FINE!
I'M ... GOING ON AHEAD?
.....
Scratch
Scratch
JESSIE SHOULD GO CLINCH HER SPOT TO UNIVERSITY SATELLITE!!
JESSIE ?
Brush
... THERE'S NO HELP FOR IT I GUESS ...
01
WANT TO RUN WITH AKARI ...
...I ALSO,
Giggle


OH?
... ANYWAY, WHAT'S THAT COMING?
I can see some-thing.

... AKARI ...
ARE YOU ALRIGHT? AYLA... WE'RE ALMOST TO THE SHORE.

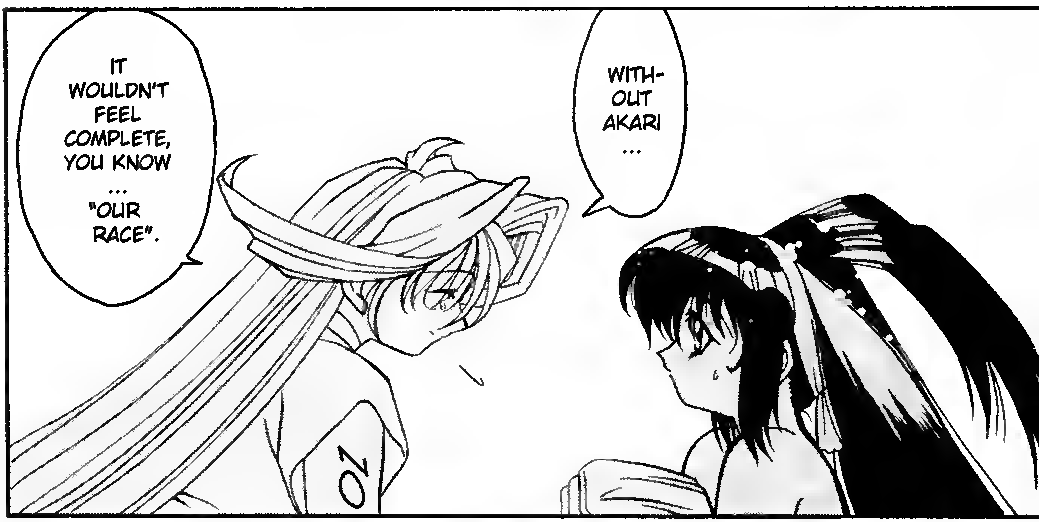
WHILE YOU'RE HERE DOING THIS, JESSIE AND THE OTHERS ARE...
Haa
はぁ
Haa
はぁ
DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE DOING?

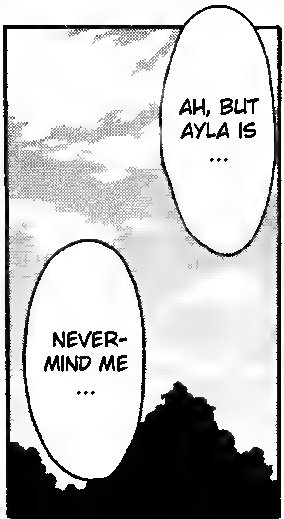
... DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. I WILL ABSOLUTELY CATCH UP TO JESSIE AND THE OTHERS ...!
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD LEAVE BEHIND AYLA, THE ONE WHO TAUGHT ME TO SWIM ...
Haa
Haa
Haa

THIS IS MY SECOND TIME BEING SAVED BY THE AKARI I TAUGHT ...
Sssh Sssh
... AKARI ...
Haa
Haa
ABSO-LUTELY ...!!
Haa
Haa
Thud
Haa
HAA... FINALLY ... MADE IT ...
Splash
AKARI'S SO LATE, TANYA NEARLY FELL ASLEEP, RIGHT!?
YOU'RE LATE, AKARI.

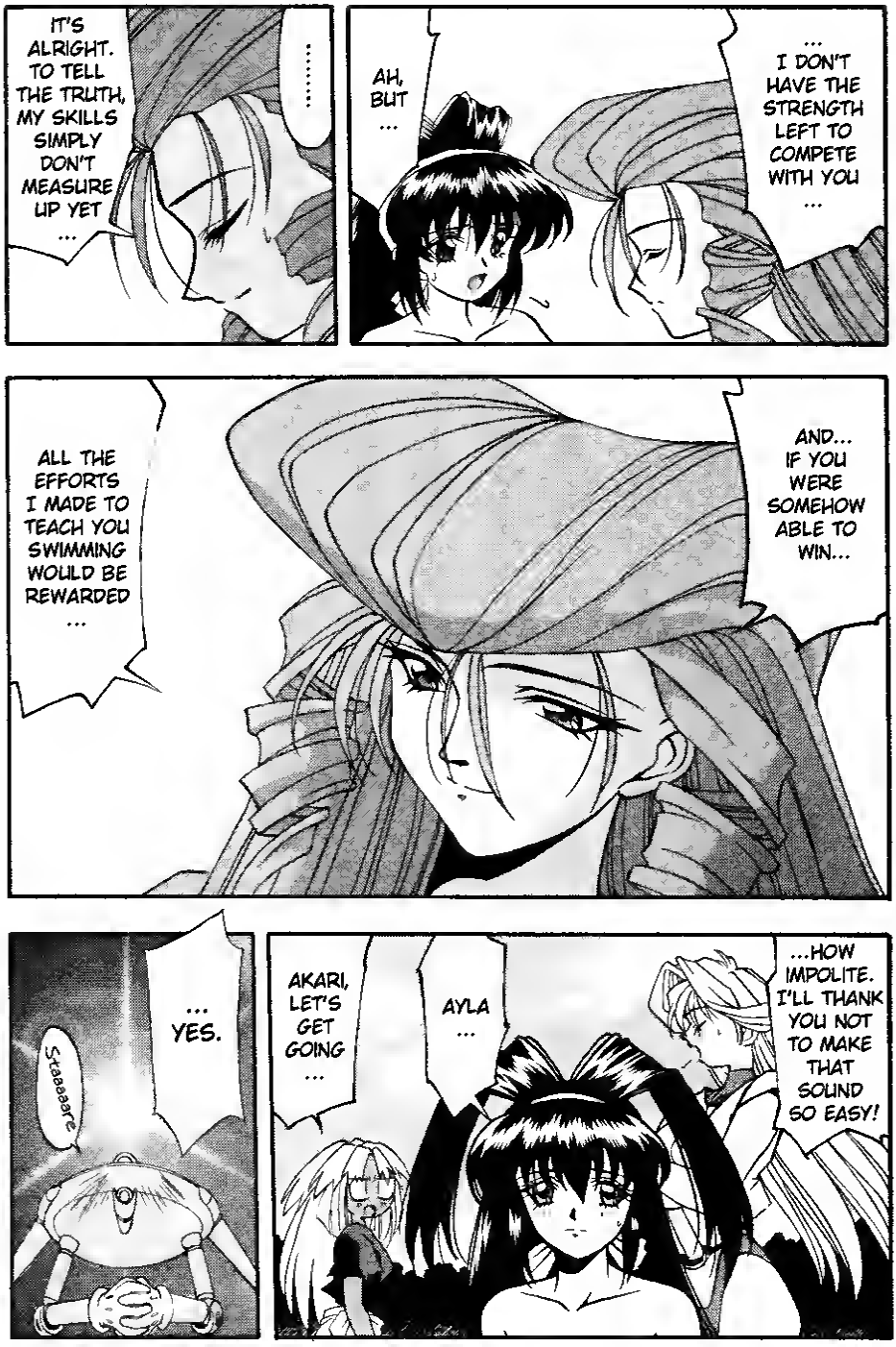
WE WERE WAITING ON YOU, AKARI.
NOW HERE, HURRY UP AND PUT THIS ON!
Plop

... YOU TWO ...
... WHY ...!?


IT WOULDN'T FEEL COMPLETE, YOU KNOW ... "OUR RACE".
WITH-OUT AKARI ...


AH, BUT AYLA IS ...
NEVER-MIND ME ...

... JESSIE ...


IT'S ALRIGHT. TO TELL THE TRUTH, MY SKILLS SIMPLY DON'T MEASURE UP YET ...
.....
AH, BUT ...
... I DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH LEFT TO COMPETE WITH YOU ...
ALL THE EFFORTS I MADE TO TEACH YOU SWIMMING WOULD BE REWARDED ...
AND... IF YOU WERE SOMEHOW ABLE TO WIN...
... YES.
Sraaaaare
AKARI, LET'S GET GOING ...
AYLA ...
...HOW IMPOLITE. I'LL THANK YOU NOT TO MAKE THAT SOUND SO EASY!

THESE STUDENTS ARE MY PRIDE!
... THAT THEY ARE!
THEY'RE GOOD GIRLS, AREN'T THEY ...
.....
THE TOP THREE WILL ENTER UNIVERSITY SATELLITE. HUH...
42.195 KILOMETERS TO THE GOAL LINE.
OOOH HHH!!
YES!
THE TRUE BATTLE BEGINS HERE!
GET SET!
... THEN ONCE AGAIN ...

START!!!
SHOOM!
Whoosh
...AKARI, WITH JUST HER MOTHER'S BLOOD IN HER....MAY ALREADY HAVE WON...
...FROM HERE ON, IT'S A BATTLE OF PRIDE BETWEEN THOSE THREE...

OOOOOOHHHHH!!
Stampede
... OI OI.
... THEY'RE RUNNING WITHOUT THINKING OF WHAT'S AHEAD ...
.....
... AS IF IT WERE A HUNDRED METER DASH.
... MY LEG IS START-ING TO SCREAM ...
... THE PACE IS RAPID ..!!
Hiss

KH ...
Haa
Haa
AS EXPECTED OF THESE TWO. THEIR SPEED HAS IMPROVED REMARKABLY...
I'LL BE LEFT BEHIND !!
IF I LOSE MY FOCUS EVEN A LITTLE ...
ROAR
KH ...
Haa
Haa
JESSIE'S PACE IS ACCELERATING ...!!

I WON'T LOSE ...!!
BECAUSE OF THE PROMISE I MADE TO EVERY-ONE.
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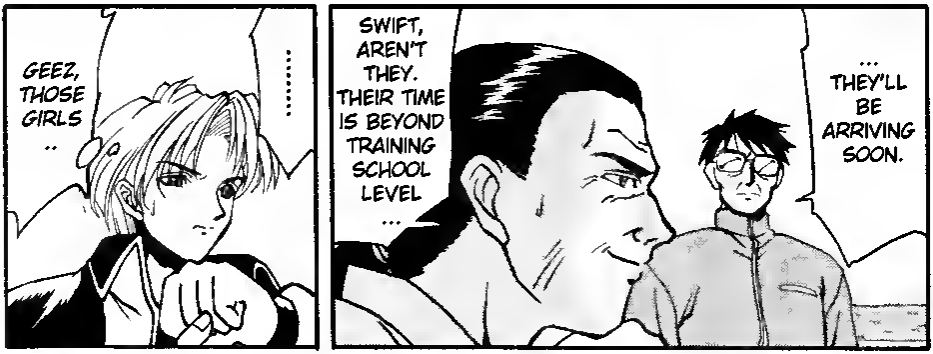
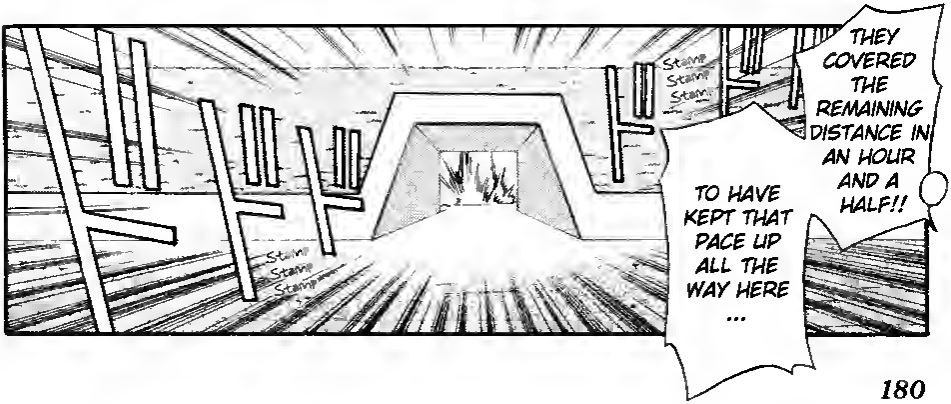

GEEZ, THOSE GIRLS ..
.....
SWIFT, AREN'T THEY. THEIR TIME IS BEYOND TRAINING SCHOOL LEVEL ...
... THEY'LL BE ARRIVING SOON.


THEY COVERED THE REMAINING DISTANCE IN AN HOUR AND A HALF!!
TO HAVE KEPT THAT PACE UP ALL THE WAY HERE ...

SHOOM!
Whoosh
KH
...
01
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THE THREE OF THEM ARE NECK AND NECK...!!
KAN-ZAKI!!
JESSIE
...
Whoosh
KHH HHH ...!!
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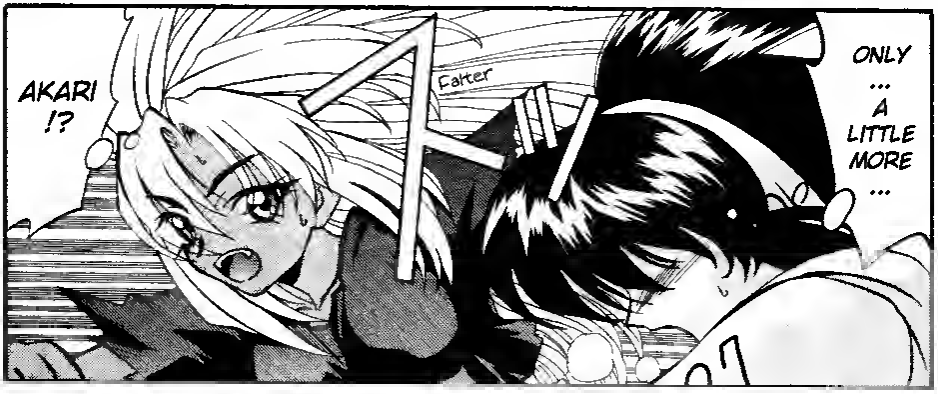
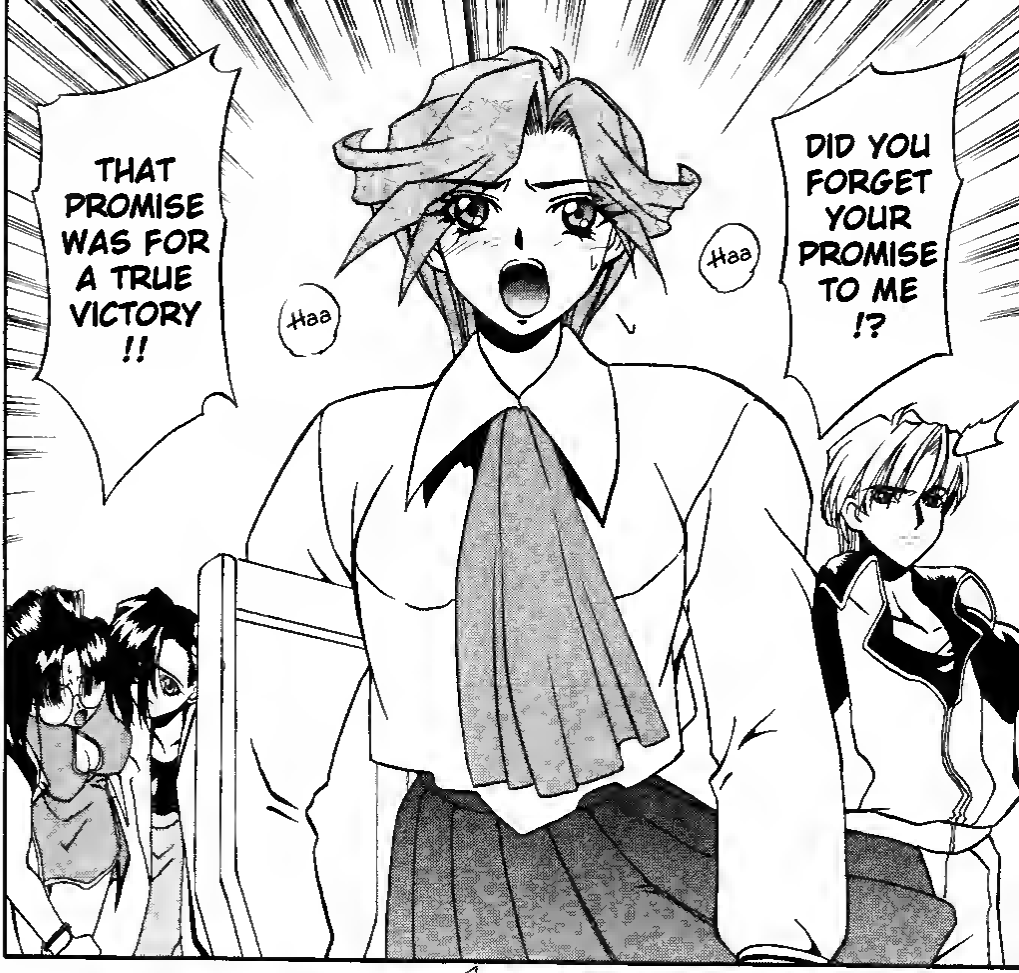
A LITTLE MORE ...
ONLY A LITTLE MORE!
Haa
Haa

MY LEG ...
Flinch
MY LEG'S STILL NOT WORKING PROPERLY ...


ONLY ... A LITTLE MORE ...
Falter
AKARI !?

I'M... GOING TO...
Haa
Haa
... LOSE BUT STILL COME IN THIRD ...
Clink

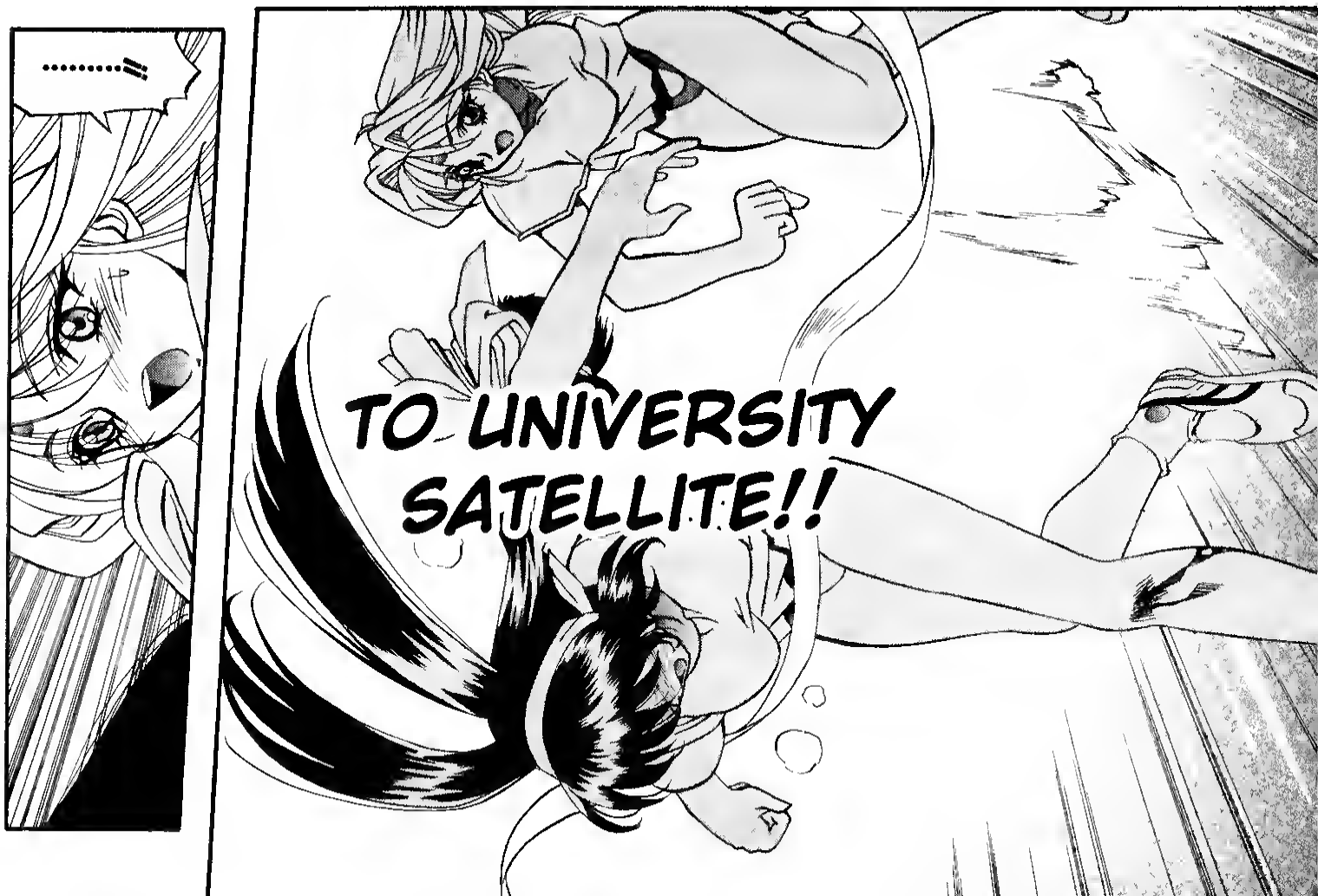
...
THAT'S NOT RIGHT, AKARI
...
SO... THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH, ISN'T IT... MOM...
Glint...
IT ISN'T RIGHT TO LET YOURSELF GIVE UP HALFWAY !!
AKARI
...
UNTIL THE VERY FINAL MOMENT, YOU MUST NEVER LOSE HOPE
...
AKARI !!
... MOM ...


DID YOU FORGET YOUR PROMISE TO ME !?
Haa
Haa
THAT PROMISE WAS FOR A TRUE VICTORY !!

ICCHAN ...
DON'T GIVE UP! FIGHT, AKARI!
... THAT'S RIGHT. HOW MANY TIMES HAVE OUR INSTRUC-TORS TOLD US...
Clench

THIS RACE IS...NOT OVER YET!!
ROAR
I WON'T GIVE UP UNTIL THE VERY END!!
Swish
!!
Pant
Pant
107
AKARI !?
Whoooooosh
I'LL OVERTAKE THAT RECEDING BACK!
I'LL CATCH UP!!

I'LL SUR-PASS JESSIE !!
WHOOSH
ROAR
AND THEN ...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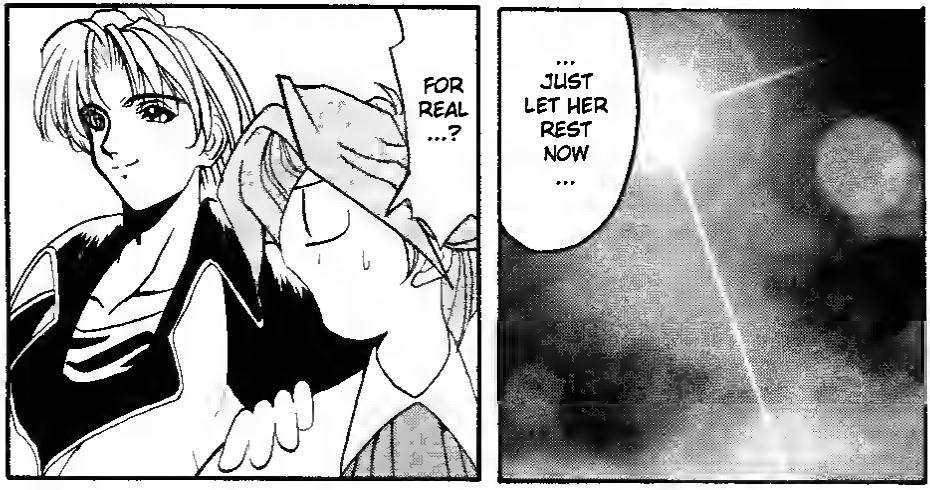
TO UNIVERSITY SATELLITE!!

Swish
MOM
...
STAMPEDE
GOAL!!
SHE
...
SHE DID IT, SHE WON!!
Clatter
AKARI
...
She
WOOOON

Phew
... JUST AS I'D EXPECT, FROM TOMOE-KUN'S MEMENTO.
Haa
Haa
LOL
I RAN ... TO THE VERY END.
WHOAAA!!
I...I DID IT, MOM ...
... NO WAY ...
... I LOST,
TO AKARI ...
Collapse
Haa
Haa

I MAY HAVE LOST, BUT ...
IT WAS A RACE THAT LEAVES ME WITH NO REGRETS ...
THAT'S TRUE, ISN'T IT ...
.....
Smile
Hahaha, our next showdown will be at University Satellite!!
AWWW, I LOST HUH.

You won, you won it all!!!
あうっ Ow
Slap
Slap
Wake up Akari, you can't pass out from exhaustion yet!!


FOR REAL ...?
... JUST LET HER REST NOW ...

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Afterword!!

Urya Urya!!

It seems you've gotten hold of Daiundoukai volume 1, huh? It's my very first published monthly serialization. Thanks to my editor and Ami-san who I troubled so much. It was all for the sake of completing this volume. Yaa, but it sure makes me feel happy, I want to thank everyone so much!! Well, now that you have this book, you might find yourself thinking, "Ah, I have some free time on my hands"? If you do have time, it would make me, Nakano, happy if you wrote to me your thoughts about this manga. Well, you can just write whatever, anything is fine (LOL). That was pretty ridiculous of me huh~;; (Oh no, I'm so bad at this.) Anyway!! SPECIAL THANKS!! I've only become this good because of of my master, Yoshimiru-sensei! Oooo! And I'm indebted to sempai! Sotoma Riyuuzou-sensei. You helped me so much, I couldn't have done it without you!
Okusan-kun!! Big THANKS.

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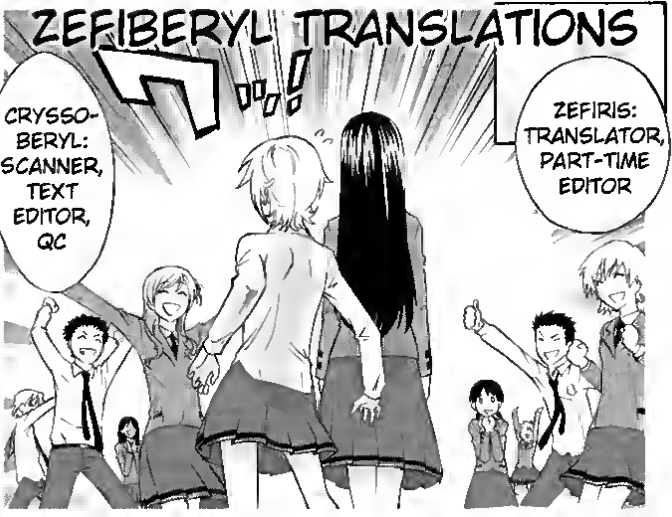
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